

PVR&G News

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President's Column

by Bruce Kobara, President

During the January general meeting the runoff election was held for the one year Board of Directors seat with Abel Campos winning the runoff election.

The club has renewed its sponsorship of our Venture Crew 568 for 2014. As you know, the Crew has been very active in assisting Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs by training in the safe use of fire arms and BB guns, thus helping pass on the traditions on to the next generation of our Second Amendment rights.

The Shooters Association fees have been eliminated. However, you will still have to join the Shooters Association, which requires you to attend the range master briefing before you are allowed to use the range. New modified range rules have been accepted by the Board of Directors. They are available from our club web site. You will be required to read and follow the range rules. Again you may only use the range after you join the Shooters association.

Until we have a couple of good rain storms, be careful if you wish to launch a boat into Kelly lake as the water level is very low.

I would like to give you an example of how our words can change the governments mind and bring the views and concerns of the Sporting citizens.

In 2012 the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and National Marine Fisheries Service issued a proposed document concerning the South Central Coast Steelhead Recovery Program. Contained within this document were a number of proposals that would negatively affect us and the environment. The most extreme proposal was to eliminate all fishing in streams emptying into the Pacific Ocean. Plus a number of proposals that were not well thought out.

Through Trout Unlimited, myself (representing the PVRG as President), the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers Club, the Carmel River Steelhead Assoc., and Geoff Malloway (owner of Central Coast Fly Fishing Shop) submitted letters of our counter proposals, the majority of which were either adopted or changed in our favor. The new South Central Calif. Coast Steelhead Recovery Plan was released on Dec. 2012. Read the new proposal go to:

http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected_species/salmon_steelhead/recovery_planning_and_implementation/south_central_southern_california_coast/south_central_southern_california_coast_recovery_plan_documents.html

If you would like to see what recommendations were adopted or changed, I will have a copy of what was done in a letter from Tim Fram, Calif. Central Coast Steelhead Coordinator, Trout Unlimited.

Dinner for February is free to members who have paid their dues. Beef stew.

We have 10 new members voted in by the Board. The openings were created by not counting our 10 life members against the general membership, thus bringing the total count to 410. The new members are; William Fredaini, John Martinelli, Robert Wall, James De La Pena, Tony Campos, William Murphy, Mike Green, Tim Alexander, Andrew Frankl and Corey Johnston.

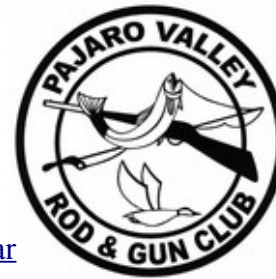
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<http://www.pajarovalleyrodandgun.org>. However, you will receive the email newsletter the soonest.

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Our Club Schedule.. for updates see: www.pajarovalleyrodandgun.org/calendar

Sat Feb 1 – Hunter safety 7am-2pm	Sat Mar 1 – Hunter safety 7am-2pm
Mon Feb 3 – Regular dinner and meeting 6pm	Mon Mar 3 – Regular dinner and meeting 6pm
Thu Feb 6 – IPSC shooting 5pm	Thu Mar 6 – IPSC shooting 5pm
Sat Feb 8 – Hunter safety 7am-2pm	Tue Mar 11 – New member orientation 6pm
Tue Feb 11 – New member orientation 6pm	Tue Mar 11 – Board meeting 7pm
Tue Feb 11 – Board meeting 7pm	Wed Mar 12 – Venture crew 6:30pm
Wed Feb 12 – Venture crew 6:30pm	Thu Mar 13 – IPSC shooting 5pm
Thu Feb 13 – IPSC shooting 5pm	Sat Mar 15 – Watsonville FNRA dinner
Thu Feb 20 – IPSC shooting 5pm	Thu Mar 20 – IPSC shooting 5pm
Wed Feb 26 – Venture crew 6:30pm	Wed Mar 26 – Venture crew 6:30pm
Thu Feb 27 – IPSC shooting 5pm	Thu Mar 27 – IPSC shooting 5pm

This Month's Meeting Menu: Beef Stew (no charge for those members who have paid their dues)

Our Club Leadership....

Elected Officers

President – Bruce Kobara, Vice President – Jim Gandrup, Treasurer – Glen Slay
Secretary – Mike Ciglar m.ciggy@sbcglobal.net (831) 724-2819, Director at Large – Abel Campos

Elected Directors

Mark Lauesen, Rodney Misumi, Wayne Farrel, Rodger Silva, Scotty Mitchell, Ron Gordon

Appointed Directors

Bar – Paul Cunningham, Chef – Bob Moresco, Work Party – Harry Williams, Range Master – John Maraldo

Appointed Assistants

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Range News

by John Maraldo, Rangemaster



Our annual dinner is scheduled for March 15th. The pre-event raffle prize is once again the Smith & Wesson MP15 Sport (get it while you can!).

For dinner tickets or raffle tickets, contact me or any other committee member.

Range Access

All members of the Club have access to the range without having to pay additional dues provided only that they have completed a range orientation. Contact me if you would like a range orientation.

Range Rules Review

The most frequently forgotten range rule is that targets must be placed as close to the rubber as possible. The reason for the rule is that we want all our shots to land in the rubber because our range is not designed to gracefully absorb strikes outside the rubber. Placing a target some distance from the rubber makes it possible for shots to score a good group, but because of their angle terminate outside the rubber.

Speaking of groups, a lousy group is nature's way of telling you that you are shooting at too great a range. But in that case, don't draw the target closer. Rather move your table up. And shooters, if you come to the range and find that someone has moved his table up, don't force him back. Rather shoot at shorter range yourself. You can still get excellent training by setting yourself a smaller mark.

California Handgun Roster

The roster was created January 1, 2001, ostensibly to certify handguns as safe for sale. The only new handguns available for sale are those on the roster.

However over the years, the definition of "safe" has changed. Effective 2006, no centerfire autoloader could be added to the roster unless it had either a loaded chamber indicator or a magazine disconnect, and no rimfire autoloader could be added unless it had a magazine disconnect. Effective 2007, no centerfire autoloader could be added unless it had both a loaded chamber indicator and a magazine disconnect. Effective May 17, 2013, no autoloader can be added unless it also has "microstamping". In effect, newer handgun designs are, over time, being all banned in California.

As to older handguns, they do not remain on the roster (even if unchanged in materials and design) unless the manufacturer periodically undergoes the expense of a repetitive certification. At some point for every handgun, it just doesn't make economic sense to undergo this expense as that older model is outsold everywhere by newer better models. So the roster also works to gradually ban previously rostered handguns.

Still don't see how this works? Ruger's announced at the Shot Show that by early March it will let all its semiautomatics and all its double-action revolvers drop off the roster. And it is rumored that Smith & Wesson will follow suit.

Calguns Foundation (CGF) has a suit pending (Pena v. Lindley) challenging the roster scheme. Its attorneys in the case are civil rights heavyweights: Alan Gura, Donald Kilmer and Jason Davis. Contributions to CGF are tax deductible and CGF is worthy of our support.

Quinnipiac Study: More Guns = Less Gun Murder

Many studies have concluded that more guns = less murder.

But now Quinnipiac University economist Mark Gius has published a study in the journal Applied Economics Letters which concludes that more guns = less gun murder.

Using data for the period 1980 to 2009 and controlling for state and year fixed effects, the results of the present study suggest that states with restrictions on the carrying of concealed weapons had higher gun-related murder rates than other states. It was also found that assault weapons bans did not significantly affect murder rates at the state level. These results suggest that restrictive concealed weapons laws may cause an increase in gun-related murders at the state level.

You can read the article here:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13504851.2013.854294#.UsWm3cuA2Um>

Range Hygiene Memo

You need to read this memo. If you'd like a copy of your own, just ask.

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